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Title: LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

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Examiner: Jeffrey R. Jastrzab

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- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.)
- ☒ Communication Re: Missing Parts (1 pg.)
- ☒ A signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney ( 4 pgs.).
- ☒ Notice to File Missing Parts (1pg.)

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**COMMUNICATION RE: MISSING PARTS**

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In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts" (see enclosed copy), we submit the signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney along with a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the large entity surcharge and a check in the amount of \$1,266.00 to cover the large entity basic filing fee.

Applicants assume the application is now in proper order and in condition for examination. Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned attorney at (612) 373-6912.

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Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE TOCKMAN ET AL.

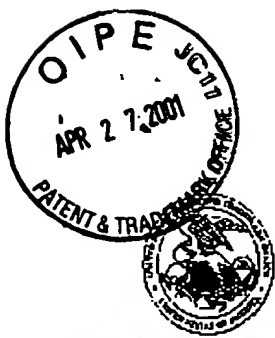
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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02 FC:103	396.00 OP
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04 FC:105	130.00 OP

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. *✓ 22 NOV. 2000 & 22 APR. 2001*  
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$552.
  - \$396 for 22 total claims over 20.
  - \$156 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1372.

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